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1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted.

- i. ☒ Enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously
filed on January 13, 2003.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
_____.
- iii. ☐ Other _____.

b. ☐ Enclosed

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____.

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
- b. ☐ Other _____.

3. FEES

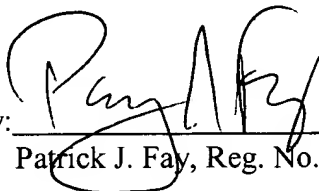
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge, or to credit any overpayments to, Deposit Account No. **50-1492** in the amount of **\$750** for the following:
(A copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose)
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) in the amount of **\$750**.
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) in the amount of (for a -
month extension).
- iii. ☐ Other _____.
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (form PTO-2038 enclosed).

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

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